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FROZEN MEATS! BUTCHERS STUDY NEW METHOD OF FOOD PRESERVATION AND SALES

Following is an article from *The Butcher Workman*, official publication of the Butchers international union, which tells of a new trend in meat handling and distribution. Because of the radical nature of the frozen meat processing and handling, this article has been reprinted here by request.

John A. Kotal for years has been National Secretary of the Retail Meat Dealers Association of America. He is one of the nation's experts on methods of retail food merchandising and food preservation. The article below was prepared especially for "The Butcher Workman" by Mr. Kotal from excerpts of an address he delivered to the delegates attending the Institute of American Meat Packers.

"There will be many new things to look forward to after the war which will affect retail distribution of foods particularly new improvements and changes in store fixtures, refrigeration, lighting, air conditioning and the like. Transportation will play an important part.

"Changes in food distribution will, of course, depend upon progress generally. Political, financial and economic problems will face business, industry and labor. We have two schools of thought relative to employment in retail distribution.

"One will say that retailing must absorb about five millions of our returning veterans while another will say that the cash-and-carry, or serve-yourself system in retail distribution is the coming thing. We must make up our minds and not try to blow hot and cold at the same time.

LARGER TAX
If returning veterans are not going to be given employment—given back their old jobs—in retail stores and the self-service system is adopted, then we can look for a greater tax on profits which in turn will be used for unemployment insurance and social security.

"The selling of foods needs customers to buy it. Men cannot buy food who do not have jobs except on money given them by charity.

"Some who advocate the self-service system say that it will save the customer from one-fourth to one-half cent on a can of food products or a cent and a half to two cents per pound on frozen fresh meats. It certainly, therefore, would be more economical for the nation as a whole to pay the slight increase for the human-service system which would give greater employment than to adopt the self-service system and pay the difference in taxes.

"I feel certain that all Americans want to be honorably employed and earn their way under our laws of free enterprise and a policy of live and let live. Food engineers are working on new ways to hold the garden flavor of fruits and vegetables and many experiments are taking place. Under new methods, we are told that a whole ham can be baked in twenty-eight minutes. Of course, we must support such movements as such innovations save time.

"They do not eliminate jobs. "I think I should issue a warning on a too-extensive program to sell frozen, boneless, fresh cuts of meat. It is well-known that this class of alkaloids under certain refrigerating conditions often produce a highly poisonous substance that originates in germ-laden foods in a frozen condition.

"Science has not as yet determined why quick frozen vegetables do not produce this poison while frozen meats and fish do. They know that if frozen meats are stored in a mechanical refrigerator and the mechanism through the night fails, it is dangerous to consume this meat if it is placed back in the freezing chamber of the refrigerator after it has been repaired.

SCIENCE PUZZLED
"Why this bacterial change takes place in quick-frozen meat and not in ordinary fresh meat, science does not know... but, nevertheless, it is true.

"Even in vegetables that are sold to the public in a frozen condition, the producers issue a printed warning on the package in which the vegetables are sold that no attempt should be made to re-freeze the contents of the package once they begin to thaw.

"It is very evident that the producers of frozen vegetables recognize a ptomaine danger. This danger is most pronounced in frozen meats. We cannot afford to experiment too much with this idea because we are actually experiment-

ing with innocent, human lives when we do so.

"Unless the meat industry is prepared to withstand thousands of cases of ptomaine poisoning and probably many deaths, I would urge that it go easy on the question of extensive sales of frozen meats."

In Union Circles

SALINAS

Bud Kenyon and Bob Clinch will go to Fresno on February 23 for the State Federation's legislative meeting. Anyone having any questions or propositions for them to present, should contact Brother Kenyon at once.

Incidentally, Brother Kenyon sat as labor member on an unemployment insurance appeal board hearing three cases last week. He says these hearings are very enlightening and the procedure is swift and final.

Salinas labor council concurrence in a resolution from the Vallejo Consolidated Councils was voted last week. This resolution asks the State Federation of Labor to establish a public relations department and employ competent public relations counsel to see that controversial labor measures are brought to the public in a proper and effective manner.

The Salinas labor council's by-laws committee is working with the council's Building Trades Committee to prepare proper amendments to the council constitution to cover the building trades setup.

Downey, Outland Back Substitute Work-Fight Law

In response to telegrams urging them to oppose the May compulsory conscription bill and to support, in its stead, the non-compulsory substitute, Senator Sheridan Downey and Congressman George Outland informed the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas that they favored the non-compulsory bill.

The telegrams had been sent to the legislators at suggestion of William Green, AFL president, who wired Secretary W. G. Kenyon of the AFL opposition to the May bill.

KENYON, CLINCH TO ATTEND MEET OF CSFL SOON

Secretary W. G. Kenyon and Robert Clinch will represent the Central Labor Council at Salinas in the coming conference of labor council officials at Fresno.

The conference has been called by the California State Federation of Labor for Friday, February 23, with headquarters at the Hotel Californian.

Principal business before the conference will be consideration of new bills pending before the current session of the State Legislature.

Salinas Labor Council Plans Refreshments

Doughnuts and coffee will be served to delegates at the meeting of the Central Labor Council at Salinas on Friday of this week.

Brother F. O. Easton of the Sheet Metal Workers Union 309 was designated as a committee of one to arrange the refreshments.

Never lend books, for no one ever returns them. The only books I have in my library are books that other folk lent me.—ANATOLE FRANCE.

Backs Up Lewis



Return of Pres. John L. Lewis and United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) was a major item under discussion at the winter session of the AFL executive council in Miami, Fla. AFL First Vice-President William L. Hutchison (above) rooted for Lewis' readmission. (Federated Pictures)

Teamster Editor Hits Wheeler As Rabid, Notorious Isolation Champ

Indianapolis, Ind. The three most "notorious, rabid and reactionary isolationists of America" were listed by Asst. Editor Lester M. Hunt of The International Teamster as: Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D., Mont.), Sen. Henrik Shipstead (R., Minn.) and Sen. Raymond E. Willis (R., Ind.).

Writing in The Indiana Teamster, official publication of the Indiana Drivers Council (AFL), Hunt said: "Their continued presence in the Senate is a menace to the peace of America and of the world. They are men of the stamp of the late Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, whose hatred of President Wilson caused him to wreck the League of Nations and thereby usher in the bloody years in which we now are suffering.

"Wheeler, Shipstead or Willis hate President Roosevelt as Lodge hated Wilson. They will leave nothing undone to destroy his ambition to make this the last war by perfecting a world organization of nations with the power to suppress future aggressors by force.

"They think they can destroy Roosevelt politically if they do this. The fact that they also destroy thousands of our sons and grandsons in another war is of no more concern to them than it was to Lodge a quarter of a century ago."

Wheeler was described as "the spearhead of the German drive for a negotiated peace" and Willis as the man "who spent 65 years of his life acquiring the mentality of a stuffed shirt... who says he will run for re-election on a record that reeks with ignorance, bigotry and prejudice."

Do not think of knocking out another person's brains because he differs in opinion from you. It would be as rational to knock yourself on the head because you differ from yourself 10 years ago.—HORACE MANN.

JONES SURE SHELLS OUT SPONDULICS FOR TEXAS

Washington, D. C. Jesse Jones is the financial king of the Lone Star state. He owns every hotel in Texas' biggest city—Houston—and has a hand in more banks and realty operations and oil projects than can be numbered here. His popularity has a reason.

The Defense Plant Corp., an RFC agency directed by Jones, has spent an average of \$60 per capita for every civilian in the U. S. out of \$8 billions spent.

Texas got an average per capita investment of \$103.37. That is the top. Alabama had just \$27.12; Arkansas \$51.19; Florida \$7.95; Louisiana \$100.49. Mississippi was low with \$16, followed by Georgia with only \$1.44 and North Carolina with \$4.01. North and South Dakota got exactly nothing from the Defense Plants Corp. California got only half the Texas total.

News From

TEAMSTERS 890

Warehousemen and Teamsters Union 890 Salinas, California

This Union deeply regrets the news that Eddie Achstetter of the Western Warehouse & Produce Council met with a fatal accident somewhere in southern California while driving his automobile in line with his work. Those of us who knew Eddie realize what his loss will mean to organized labor. He was always ready and willing to help in any manner where those in labor were concerned. Eddie would travel miles in order to help some brother or sister. For that and many other good deeds Eddie was never thanked. We of Local 890, who knew him, wish to convey our deepest sympathy to members of his family and to let them know that we shall always remember Eddie Achstetter.

Some time ago, members of our Union were informed through this column that the local blood bank of the Monterey County Hospital must be replenished from time to time. Only today, we received a call from the hospital, stating that one of our members needed several blood transfusions. Your union officers will contribute their amount, but the bank needs more. Aside from that, the American Red Cross is dispensing close to a million pints of plasma each day throughout the world. Those of you who can donate blood, please notify the office of your union and the necessary arrangements will be made.

HOW TO FILE CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
1. Immediately upon becoming unemployed, you should go to the nearest United States Employment Service Office and register for work. The United States Employment Service is charged with the responsibility of assisting you in securing employment. Your various skills and capabilities are considered in an effort to secure work for which you are reasonably fitted.

2. After you have registered for work, you should file a claim for unemployment insurance with a representative of the California Department of Employment who is located in the same office.

3. In about two weeks, after you have filed your claim, you will receive a notice from the Department of Employment advising you of the maximum amount of insurance payable and the weekly rate at which it is payable. This award is based on earnings reported for you by employers subject to the California Unemployment Insurance Act. To draw these benefits, however, it is necessary that you meet all eligibility requirements within the weeks for which you claim insurance.

Upon receipt of this notice, examine it carefully; look for earnings omitted, incorrect amounts, and wages included which were not earned by you. If the notice is incorrect in any respect, discuss the matter with the Claims Examiner on your next visit to the office. He will assist you in securing the correct award.

4. If, after filing a claim, you are unable to visit your office on your regular report day because of re-employment, illness, or for any other reason, you should report to the office as soon as such condition no longer exists. Failure to report on your regular report day and time may result in your losing one or more days of unemployment benefits.

ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
1. The California Unemployment Insurance Act requires that to be eligible to receive unemployment benefits you must:

(a) Be totally unemployed, or working less than full time and earning less than your weekly benefit amount.

(b) Be registered for work with the United States Employment Service.

(c) Be physically able to work in your line, or in other work for which you are reasonably fitted.

(d) Be available for work. This means, being ready and willing to accept immediate employment under normal conditions in your usual occupation, or in an occupation for which you are reasonably fitted. Generally, you are not available for work while traveling; vacationing; caring for dependents; on leave of absence; attending school or college; self-employed; while

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WHAT THE UNIONS REPORT

Salinas, Calif. Carpenters 925—Routine meeting, one initiation.

Plumbers—Routine business at regular meeting.

Sheet Metal Workers—Routine business, regular meeting.

Bernard Shaw says of Hitler: "He listens only when he talks."

Planning For Security Aim Of Unions At Labor Parley

San Diego, Calif.

Postwar planning, democratic style, came out of the pooled thinking of AFL, CIO, industry, church, school, civic and press spokesmen at California's first week-end labor institute, held here under joint auspices of San Diego State College and organized labor.

Surest guarantee for building peace and prosperity is for industry and government to continue recognizing labor as a responsible "functioning production partner" in peace as in war. Sec. C. J. Haggerty of the California Federation of Labor said. Citing wartime agreements worked out by the AFL building trades unions with private contractors and the government, he said the assurance of union security and wages to workers off government contracts largely accounts for the smooth functioning of America's war production machine.

SECURITY PROGRAM
Such safeguards must be extended to include provisions for increased unemployment insurance, old age pensions, medical and child care, low-cost housing and above all to insure the 60 million jobs needed in the U. S. when the war is won, almost all the speakers agreed—from the industry spokesmen, the ministers, professors and lawyers to the rank and filers in the audience.

"Responsibilities and opportunities of the post-war are not labor's alone," said Ray Morkowski, CIO spokesman. Neither victory in the war against fascism, lasting peace, nor those 60 million jobs can be achieved "unless labor joins forces with progressives, industrialists, clerics, scientists, artists and professional people to weld more solidly the coalition of the United Nations," he said. "We must and will eliminate intolerance by consistently fighting the labor-Negro-Jewish-Catholic-Russia-England balters," he concluded.

HITS "JIM CROW"
Jimcrow auxiliary unions must go, the AFL speaker said in answer to a question from the audience. Haggerty asserted he was opposed to auxiliaries and believed that "any person joining a union should be brought into full membership and enjoy full rights."

Abolition of the auxiliaries in the two or three AFL unions where they exist presents "a delicate problem which must be solved not only locally but nationally," he said.

The model anti-discrimination clause which negotiators for the United Auto Workers will try to insert in all contracts with employers reads:

"The company agrees that it will not discriminate in the hiring of employees, or in their training, upgrading, promotion, transfer, layoff, discipline, discharge or otherwise because of race, creed, color, national origin, political affiliation, sex or marital status."

Congressman Believes Poll Tax to Get Axe At Session This Year

Washington, D. C.

Estimating the anti-polltax majority in Congress at better than three to one, Rep. George Bender (R., O.) predicted that the undemocratic tax is on its way out this year.

Congressman Bender, who served as chairman of the coalition which steered HR 7 through the House last session, said he would serve again in 1945 as head of a bi-partisan coalition to work for repeal of the polltax.

"The forces of democracy are moving forward in 1945," he said, "and we are going to have a bigger majority to abolish the polltax than we had in 1943."

A Visit to John Bull



Two AFL women leaders, who, with two women CIO representatives, make up the delegation of labor women selected to visit England, Mrs. Julia O'Connor Parker, Telephone Operators' Department of IBEW (AFL), center, and Mrs. Maida Stewart Springer, ILGWU (AFL), right, discussed their trip in Washington recently with Frank Fenton, AFL Director of Organization. The women leaders are seeing for themselves British labor conditions, just as a group of British delegates will visit wartime America's production lines. (OWI Photo).

Here's Record of Our Congressmen On 'Labor Draft'

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

How the California Congressmen voted on the labor draft bill as finally passed by the House of Representatives is set forth below. This tabulation is based on Associated Press reports and is not the official record. Should any changes be noted when the official record is received, they will be reported at once in the News Letter.

FOR—

Clarence F. Lea
Clair Engle
J. Leroy Johnson
Geo. P. Miller
John H. Toland
John Z. Anderson
Alfred J. Elliott
H. Jerry Voorhis
Ned R. Healy
Harry K. Sheppard
Helen Gahagan Douglas

AGAINST—

Frank R. Havenner
Richard J. Welch
Bertrand W. Gearhart
George E. Outland
Cecil R. King
Chet Holifield
Carl Hinshaw
John Phillips
Ed. V. Izac
Gordon L. McDonough

NOT VOTING—

Ellis E. Patterson
Clyde G. Doyle

The bill has been vigorously opposed by the American Federation of Labor, with indications that a strong possibility exists of amending the anti-labor features out of this proposed "work or jail" law.

The A. F. of L. Executive Council, meeting in Miami, again pointed out forcibly that the war production picture was excellent despite "poor planning and lack of foresight by the military authorities."

In elaborating its position further, the Council stated that "no law short of a magic wand could keep war production in pace with schedules arrived at on such a basis" as military authorities have been using.

AFL-CIO Unions Join For Political Action

Chicago, Illinois

The Independent Voters of Illinois Inc., a political action group which includes AFL and CIO members, has raised enough money to resume radio broadcasts begun during the last political campaign.

Learning Through Laughter



A simple, effective means of union and political education through entertainment is the art of puppetry, here illustrated by Hortense Covetski and one of her students in the puppet workshop at the Jefferson School, New York. (Federated Pictures)

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The Labor Editor Speaks

WAKE UP, AMERICA!

From the working force of the nation we have taken about twelve million of the best men and women and put them into the military and related forces. We have another ten million people producing the equipment needed for war—not for use, but for destruction.

That 22 million producers is one-third of the potential working force of the nation. The other two-thirds has produced more food, clothing and the goods for living than was ever produced before.

Now we know that no person in this country need go without the essentials and conveniences of good living, schooling, training, recreation, health protection and all that goes into the making of a greater civilization than the world has ever known.

No one who knows the American mind can believe that our people will again submit to the conditions that existed in the early thirties and in the late thirties with ten million unemployed.

Wake up, America!

PHILOSOPHY OF MUTUAL AID

When my neighbor is sick it hurts me indirectly—perhaps directly. When my neighbor loses or is forced out of his job, it hurts me indirectly—and maybe directly. When my neighbor's house burns down, it hurts me—directly or indirectly.

Full production requires full time employment and elimination of waste and destruction of property. In a well-ordered economy every member of the society must do well his part in production or the services of production.

It follows that there should be no monopolies of material, scientific knowledge, capital, training, services, nor of jobs. No person should be prevented from doing his fullest part in an economy of abundance because of "race, color and previous condition of servitude."

We should all take time out to realize with full force that if my neighbor is sick, jobless or inefficient, it hurts ME.

WHY WE DON'T NEED JONES

President Roosevelt, in his letter to Jesse Jones, didn't mention such affairs as are reported by the editors of *The Pathfinder*:

An Army officer at Leavenworth, Kan., Engineer Redistribution Center, is "burned up" over some stupid deals he has seen in the disposal of surplus war property. He wrote his Congressman about it, invited him to "get busy."

Here's an example. Some months ago, he said, his warehouse was authorized to sell excess non-military property into consumer channels either by negotiation or invitation for bids. One item was 33,000 ft. of 24-in. cast iron pipe, which cost the Government \$4.90 a ft. A deal was made to sell the lot for \$4.53 a ft. and a certified check for 10% as earnest money was in hand. Suddenly Washington stepped in, cancelled the sale and turned the pipe over to RFC. Later, the officer charged, RFC sold the lot of pipe to a Kansas City junk man for \$2.15 a ft.

Then, there were two surplus combine harvesters, practically new. Each cost the Government about \$1,500. The officer said he located a grain farmer who needed them badly last summer to harvest his crop and they agreed on a price of \$1,100 for each machine. Again the deal failed to flicker. Instead, the combines were turned over to Treasury Procurement. Long after the harvest was over they went to a dealer for \$430 each.

"This is a personal letter," the officer wound up, "but use it any way you like."

DEMOCRACY ON A CRUTCH

Does Congress represent the people? Time and again the Fortune, Gallup and Roper national opinion polls have shown the people miles ahead of Congress on such vital issues as preparedness, military training, compulsory health insurance, better pensions, poll taxes, progressive labor legislation, national planning for full employment, taxation based on ability to pay, etc. These same polls not long ago showed Henry Wallace to be immensely popular with the people. Shall we change the name officially to *House of Misrepresentatives*?

HOW TO BE A SUCCESS

Spend the first half of your life as a "veteran socialist," then visit the Soviet Union, then come back to the United States very much "disillusioned," then write articles for Hearst, the *Chicago Tribune*, *Reader's Digest* and the *Saturday Evening Post* as an "authority" on Russia, then get an adding machine to keep track of your growing bank account.

NOT A 'COLORFUL' CAREER

The demand that graduate nurses be drafted should wait until all the graduate nurses who are able-bodied, even over 45, and the married nurses without dependent children, are taken into the service. Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers, executive secretary of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, recently pointed out that out of 9,000 negro graduate nurses only 247 have been taken by the Army and none by the Navy.

Many of the southern Senators and Congressmen nursed at the breasts of a negro "mammy" and are the better for it. Negro women are kind, faithful and attentive—natural nurses.

Unions Clear Deficit From No. 12 Battle

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.
The following union contributions were made to the Proposition No. 12 campaign fund in the period November 27, 1944, to January 31, 1945, inclusive. As has been pointed out, the Federation suffered a deficit in carrying on the campaign against Proposition No. 12, and these contributions were sent in by unions to help liquidate this deficit. The Federation will publish future contributions made by unions for the same purpose. The Federation deeply appreciates this co-operation:

Sugar Refinery Employees	No. 20037, Crockett	\$ 50.00
Culinary Workers & Bartenders	No. 324, Glendale	77.00
Affiliated Property Craftsmen	No. 44, Hollywood	1500.00
Bartenders Union	No. 284, Los Angeles	300.00
Lathers Union	No. 42, Los Angeles	20.00
Machinists Union	No. 311, Los Angeles	403.00
Meat Cutters Union	No. 421, Los Angeles	750.00
Office Employees Union	No. 20798, Los Angeles	1.00
Central Labor Council	Marinette	155.00
Bartenders Union	No. 715, Marysville	50.00
Carpenters & Joiners	No. 1570, Marysville	90.00
Operating Engineers	No. 734, Modesto	50.00
Carpenters & Joiners	No. 1280, Mountain View	16.00
Electrical Workers	No. B-50, Oakland	89.00
Machinists Union	No. 284, Oakland	998.25
Carpenters & Joiners	No. 981, Petaluma	63.00
Fish Cannery Workers of the Pacific	Pittsburg	148.00
Fish Cannery Workers of the Pacific	Richmond	89.00
Roofers Union	No. 50, Salinas-Monterey	52.00
Carpenters & Joiners	No. 944, San Bernardino	370.00
Operating Engineers	No. 64, San Francisco	164.50
Machinists Union	No. 1166, San Luis Obispo	75.00
Hod Carriers & General Laborers	291, San Rafael	100.00
Laundry Workers Union	No. 177, Stockton	51.50
Total		\$5682.25



"How do you feel, Pop?" asked Little Luther anxiously. "Got any temperature? Is your blood pressure OK?"

"What is all this, Luther?" demanded Mr. Dilworth. "If you want a nickel, just say so, instead of pretending to worry about my health."

"I guess you haven't heard then," said Luther, "about the company that invited the union to come in and organize its workers."

"Have you been reading *Amazing Stories* again?" said Mr. Dilworth threateningly.

"No, honest, Pop. It happened in New York. And the union didn't even have to drop the boss a little hint."

"But why, Luther, why?" cried Mr. Dilworth, beginning to pant. "There must be some explanation for such insanity."

"Just common sense, Pop. The boss had a contract with the union for seven years, but some workers weren't covered, so he asked the union to come in and finish the job because they were entitled to union protection, too."

"And that's the thanks Sewell gets," said Mr. Dilworth bitterly, after a moment of stunned silence. "How is he going to have the courage to go on denying the whole U. S. army when a member of his own class goes over to the enemy?"

"But this boss said he was inviting the union in to help defeat the enemy," Little Luther explained. "He said the union helped him fill his war contracts and they were both interested in licking the Axis..."

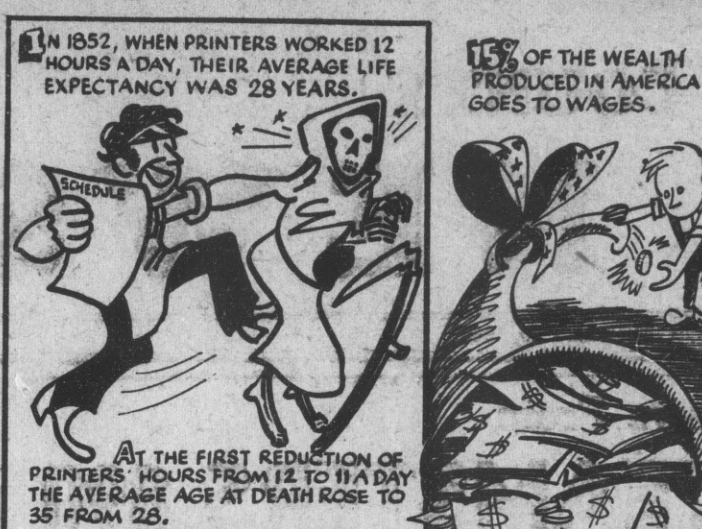
"Stop!" shouted Mr. Dilworth. "Before I lick YOUR axis!"

"Aw, Pop," complained Little Luther. "The trouble with you and Mr. Avery is that you're afraid to face the facts of life."

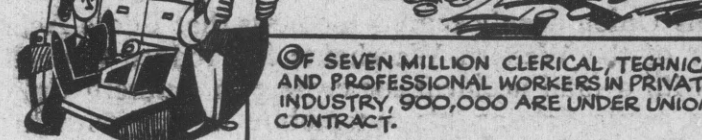
So the Workers Are Shirking On Home Front, Eh?

Philadelphia, Pa. (G.I. papers overseas, please copy)
"Eight hundred Philadelphia carpenters worked three successive 98-hour weeks giving up all Saturdays, Sundays, Christmas and New Year's Day in order to crate supplies destined for General Eisenhower. Such extra work is not unusual for them, their employer declared."—direct quote from news item in Trade Union Courier.

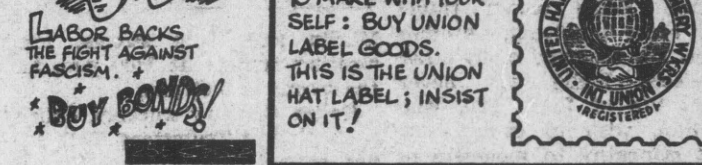
THE MARCH OF LABOR



AT THE FIRST REDUCTION OF PRINTERS' HOURS FROM 12 TO 11 A DAY THE AVERAGE AGE AT DEATH ROSE TO 35 FROM 28.



A GOOD CONTRACT TO MAKE WITH YOURSELF: BUY UNION LABEL GOODS. THIS IS THE UNION HAT LABEL; INSIST ON IT!



Any Complaints From Magician's Union?

New York City
Nobody in New York has ever seen Harvey, but everybody talks about him.

He's the zaniest of Broadway's prize collection of lovably harebrained characters. Thousands of people have trekked to a rather ordinary looking theater on a Broadway side street to try to see him in New York's biggest smash hit—named Harvey, of course—the story of a warmhearted, philosophic drunk and his inseparable but invisible

companion, a six and a half foot white rabbit.
But while the audience was having a riotously wonderful time, the cast—all members in good standing of Actors Equity—began to worry. What was Harvey's union status?

The knotty question was finally unraveled at a dinner given by Equity for the cast. Harvey, sitting in an otherwise vacant chair at the speakers' table, was made an honorary member of the union and now everybody's happy again.



Here is the first complete summary and analysis of the work of the Political Action Committee in the 1944 elections which caused the kept press to scream its head off and predict (again) that a red revolution was in the offing if President Roosevelt were re-elected.

You will find in this volume an exciting story of how the PAC originated, how it was organized on a national basis, how it overcame obstacles thrown in its path by tory congressional action, how PAC activity in key industrial sections helped tip the scales in favor of Roosevelt and many progressive candidates.

Now that the election turmoil has settled down to a memory, it is well to go through this book if for no other reason than to realize to what extent political opposition will go to hamper the free, democratic expression of a people. For that's all the PAC represented—a stepping up of the traditional American democratic process—to get folks to register and vote, to inform them about the voting records of congressmen and senators, to ask them to get behind those candidates who stood for progressive legislation, winning the war as quickly as possible, protecting

the consumer, planning for full employment in the post-war period, etc. And yet, to read the lurid headlines in most of the daily press at that time you would think that the PAC was nothing but a gang of anarchists and dynamiters plotting to cut people's throats and blow up the National Capitol! It just goes to show that there are a very great many people in high places in this country who shudder at the horrible idea of democracy really functioning.

Apart from an interesting historical account of what the PAC did and tried to do in the '44 elections, "The First Round" has preserved the meat of the scores of clever educational pamphlets and documents issued by the PAC during the course of the campaign. Workers in future political campaigns will do well to get this book and to keep it on hand for reference, for all the details concerning effective publicity, registration drives, precinct canvassing, radio appeals, etc., are reproduced—frequently as they originally appeared during the campaign.

As Organized Labor gradually awakens to the importance of political action there will be many more rounds in future years, but "The First Round" reveals the latent power of the coming young champion and offers valuable tips on how to deal a solar plexus blow to political reaction.

—AL SESSIONS.

POEM OF THE WEEK

March of Freedom

Our valor now makes live each yesterday
Of bitter struggle wreathed with heroes' deeds,
Since first our fathers blazed their dauntless way
Through virgin tracts and sowed their hearts' new seeds.

Our homes then grew in beauty, love, and peace
Within the fortress of our fruitful land,
Which promised that our State would never cease
As long as justice ruled the heart and hand.

But freedom is an ever restless sea;
It must be always wooed and won again.
To change is life, to strive is destiny;
The rust was never deep for sword and pen.

Our future thus must give our past its due
Of victory again, of peace more true.
—JAMES PATRICK MCGOVERN.

Women Now Outnumber Men

For the first time in the nation's history, its women outnumber its men. The margin is small—only 6,000—but large enough to give the gentler sex something to crow over.

This was revealed in a report issued by the Bureau of the Census. On July 1, last, the population of the country, including members of the armed forces overseas, was 158,100,874.
In all previous years there have been more men than women. In the 1940 census the excess of men was 700,000.
More than 13,000,000 babies have been born since the last census, but that impressive figure was offset by about 7,000,000 deaths, including military casualties.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

WISE TO ALL WRINKLES

TOM: "Say, Dick, did you drive that baby home last night—you know, the one we met at the hotel dance?"

DICK: "Now. Know what she said? She says: 'Nothing doing. I know guys like you. You probably have one of those "pray as you enter" cars.'"

WHAT A SIGHT!
"Did you hear," asked the sophomore, "about our cross-eyed Greek professor getting fired?"

"No," replied the innocent freshman, "why was he let out?"

"Because he couldn't control his pupils."

ULTIMATE IN FAMINES
DOCTOR: You must avoid all forms of excitement.
PRIVATE: Can't I even look at them across the street?

FOR LAND'S SAKE!
During the period following the last world war times were pretty hard in England. The Prime Minister, Lloyd George, wily politician though he was, had a pretty tough time keeping his grip on his own party. Things got so bad that he was continually heckled on his speaking trips throughout the country.

At one town he came to one man in particular kept shouting: "We want more land!"

Finally Lloyd George stopped and said to the chairman:

"You'll have to do something about that fellow, or I won't be able to finish my speech."

"Oh," said the chairman, "I'll fix him."

The chairman left the platform. Sure enough, the man stopped shouting and Lloyd George was able to go on without interruption.

At the end he leaned over and asked the chairman:

"I say, what did you do to shut that fellow up so quickly?"

"Oh," said the chairman, "I just pulled the fellow out of his seat, gave him a kick, and I said to him 'There's a couple of acres for you!'"

SHE AGREED
A pretty young nurse was selling poppies.

Chris told her that he would give her a \$5 bill for a poppy provided she would promise to nurse him if he ever went to her hospital. She promptly agreed.

"By the way," Chris asked, "where is your hospital?"

"I'm at the Queen Charlotte Maternity Hospital," meekly replied the pretty nurse, putting the five spot into the box.

PRESTO!
Magician: "And now, ladies and gentlemen, the next is the most spectacular of all my repertoire. In this feat I make a human being dissolve into a puff of smoke and vanish before your eyes. Completely off the earth the body journeys to spend some time among the spirits. Is there anyone in the audience who would like to submit himself to this experience?"

Male Voice: "Could you wait a few minutes while I get my mother-in-law?"

THE FINAL CRUISER
In the old days of journalism the New York Post and the New York World kept up a bitter, competitive fight. Finally the respective managements decided to drop the feud with announcements that that effect in each paper. But the Post couldn't even keep the venom out of the true announcement, for it added:

"Nevertheless, the New York World is a dirty yellow dog."

And the World came out in the next edition with the following "true" answer:

"And if you want to know the respect we have for them, well—you know how much respect a yellow dog has for a Post!"

EVER HAPPEN TO YOU?
RATION BOARD MAN: "What's wrong with your tires?"
MOTORIST: "The air is beginning to show through."

Labor Council In L. A. Will Serve as WPB 'Info' Bureau

Los Angeles, Calif.
Affiliated unions of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council may now take advantage of a valuable free service which the council is offering them through its War Labor Board Committee.

Sec. W. J. Bassett announced that technical information on WLB general policies and procedures and determination of wage brackets may be obtained through the council office.

Council representatives will appear in person or file short comments on behalf of the CLC in key WLB cases. They will also assist affiliated unions in obtaining proper certification of disputes to the National WLB by the U. S. Conciliation Service and will help expedite cases in other ways.

Federation Will Hold Conference On Legislation

Anticipating the need to coordinate labor's thinking, as well as action, in regard to the unprecedented number of bills that will be considered by the State Legislature when it reconvenes in March, Secretary Haggerty has called a conference in Fresno on February 23 of representatives of all A. F. of L. Councils in the state to learn the Federation's legislative program.

This meeting will precede the regular quarterly meeting of the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor which will take place in Fresno on the following day, February 24. Both the legislative conference and the Council meeting will be held at the Hotel Californian.

TELEGRAPHERS THANK LABOR FOR POLL AID

(Release from Office of State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.
The following letter was received by Secretary C. J. Haggerty from Jim Cross, Organizer of the Commercial Telegraphers Union, San Francisco, expressing his appreciation for the co-operation furnished this union by the California State Federation of Labor in helping to defeat the CIO in the NLRB election recently conducted among the employees of the Western Union Telegraph System. The Federation is gratified at the results and is very happy to have been able to contribute towards such a successful conclusion. Complete confidence in the leadership of this union to consolidate their position as a bargaining agency impresses the employees with the union of their choice.

We quote the letter below: "I am sincerely grateful for the assistance and help which the California State Federation of Labor gave the Commercial Telegraphers Union, Division No. 2, Local 34, in their recent campaign in the Pacific Division to rid the Western Union Telegraph Workers of the American Communication Association—CIO. Please extend to all members of the staff of the California State Federation of Labor thanks for their help and assistance. In behalf of the officers and members of the Commercial Telegraphers Union, Division 2, Local 34, I again thank the California State Federation of Labor."

Court Decision On Ward's Said Full of Errors

Chicago, Illinois
A court decision ruling against the government in its seizure of Montgomery Ward & Co. was wrong on 29 counts, U. S. Atty. J. Albert Woll contended in an appeal filed here.

Charging 12 errors of fact and 17 errors in "conclusions of law and judgment," Woll said U. S. District Judge Philip L. Sullivan's decision erred when it failed to find that Ward's refusal to comply with National War Labor Board directives "threatens to destroy the wartime structure of labor relations and the procedure established by Congress for the peaceful adjustment of wages within the limits of the national program for the wartime stabilization of wages and prices."

Woll also said Sullivan erred in finding that none of the plants or facilities of Ward "is equipped for the production of articles or materials required for use in the war."

The appeal further alleged that Sullivan was in error in holding that President Roosevelt's executive order, under which the Ward plants were seized, was "in any respect illegal, unconstitutional or unauthorized."

Teachers in Los Angeles Quitting in Droves, Report

Los Angeles, Calif.
Reporting that 340 teachers have resigned from the city's school system during the last month, Supt. of Schools Virling Kersey announced that the board of education has recommended that teachers with three years of college training be given temporary state licenses.

The time will come when we shall beat our swords into pruning-hooks and our snarling artists of radio and newspaper column into unconsciousness.

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Diamonds Frozen In New York To Break Up Cartel

New York City

Millions of dollars in diamonds and cash were frozen in New York banks as the Justice Department moved to break up an international diamond cartel that restricted output of industrial diamonds vital for machine-tooled war production.

Federal Judge Vincent L. Leibel enjoined nine foreign diamond corporations and seven of their American stockholders from removing these deposits pending outcome of a suit filed by Asst. U. S. Atty. Gen. Wendell Berge under the Sherman anti-trust act.

The suit charged that the cartel conspired to restrict production, monopolize trade and arbitrarily inflate prices of 95 per cent of the world's diamonds under its control.

This conspiracy prevented the U. S. from building a stockpile of industrial diamonds sufficient to meet war plant demands, it said. Industrial diamonds are essential for speed and precision in cutting, grinding and boring operations in manufacture of gunsights, bomb-sights, binoculars, compasses and other battle equipment.

The international combine, headed by De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd. of Kimberly, South Africa, its British subsidiaries and Belgian and Portuguese corporations, virtually dictated use of industrial diamonds for American military purposes, Berge said.

AFL-CIO Locals Get \$10,000 For Service Men's Welfare Bureau

New York City

A \$10,000 grant to set up a workers' personal service bureau for members of 10 AFL and CIO locals was made by the Welfare Council, which represents 60 private health and welfare agencies here.

Trained social workers will be employed on a full-time basis to advise workers on personal affairs and direct them to helpful organizations. Although set up specifically for the unionists, services of the bureau will be available to workers throughout the city and to all locals wanting to join.



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French Score International Federation As Obsolete

By HERBERT A. KLEIN

London, England

A scathing charge by the French delegates that the Intl. Federation of Trade Unions has outlived its usefulness provided the fireworks at the opening session of the IFTU general council, in its first full meeting since 1939.

Some three score delegates were on hand when Joseph Hallsworth of the British Trades Union Congress started chairing the meeting after preliminary order was called by IFTU Sec. Walter Schevenels. The meeting was a day late in starting with IFTU Pres. Walter Citrine, who also heads BUTC, still not returned from a mission to Greece.

NINE NATIONS PRESENT

Of 14 national union organizations which IFTU claims are affiliated, nine countries were actually represented at the opening session. Missing were Argentina, Sweden, Belgium, the Netherlands and, significantly, Mexico. Not represented were the CIO and the Soviet labor movement, although the British unionists are expected to lead a move to revise the IFTU rules to admit them, despite strong opposition by the AFL.

In addition to U. S. delegate Robert J. Watt of the AFL and Canadian delegate Percy Bengough, six delegates were present from France, three from Switzerland, two from Norway, two from China, as well as numerous representatives of organized labor in the British Commonwealth: Britain, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Palestine, as well as Canada.

FRENCH CRITICIZE

Main business of the opening session was consideration of reports on (1) social and economic demands and (2) IFTU activities, presented by Schevenels. The former was approved as a whole for use in guiding affiliated organizations until the next IFTU international congress is held and a final decision can be made.

Fireworks developed following Schevenels' report on IFTU activities when, on behalf of the entire French delegation, Eugene Henaff, an official of the French Confederation of Labor (CGT), sharply criticized the "inactivity" and general policies of the IFTU during the past four war years.

AFL AND CIO UNITS SHARE MINE VOTE

Los Angeles, Calif.

The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (CIO) and International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) won joint jurisdiction in an NLRB election over Morris P. Kirk & Sons, Inc., anti-labor smelter and non-ferrous metals refinery which fought the CIO union since 1939.

Production and maintenance workers picked the CIO union by better than a 5 to 1 vote, while the AFL got a solid 12 votes from 12 truck drivers, warehousemen and car unloaders eligible to vote.

The teamsters began signing up workers at the plant last September, unaware that the IUMSW was the certified bargaining agent of the workers, a status which the company was and still is fighting in the courts.

After the NLRB denied the teamsters a petition for an election on the ground that the CIO union was the bargaining agent, officials of the two unions met to discuss jurisdiction. The teamsters officials readily agreed that the IUMSW was in a better position to protect the workers and relinquished jurisdiction over production and maintenance employees. The NLRB then set a date for new elections, which resulted in a joint victory for the two unions.

Horrois! Even Cops Organizing A Labor Union

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Members of the Chattanooga police department were reported organizing a union and seeking affiliation with the AFL.

Although members of the department refused to comment on the move, well informed sources said that a majority of the non-commissioned officers of the police force have signed membership application blanks.

Police Commissioner E. R. Bettoner conceded that the men had a right to organize but left himself an anti-union loophole by saying that "the city charter does not give the commissioner of the department the authority to surrender or designate the authority of the department to others."

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living under any conditions which would prevent immediate acceptance of suitable work, or if you move to a community where there are no work opportunities for you.

(c) File claims in accordance with regulations of the California Department of Employment.

2. Each time you file a claim for a seven-consecutive-day period of unemployment, you must report all of your earnings for such period, including cash, commissions, credit on purchases, allowance for meals or lodging, bonuses, or any other kind of payment which you receive for personal services rendered.

3. Each time you file a benefit claim for a week of unemployment, you must sign a statement reading as follows:

"I certify that during the seven-consecutive-day period for which I am now filing a continued claim for unemployment insurance: I was unemployed, able to work and available for work, and hereby register for work with the California Department of Employment; I did not refuse an offer of suitable work; and I have truthfully reported all wages that were or are payable to me for the period for which I am now filing. I further certify that I have not received, and am not seeking unemployment insurance for any part of the period covered by this claim under another state or Federal Unemployment Insurance System."

4. The California Unemployment Insurance Act provides for certain "disqualifications" for varying periods, beginning with the week in which a worker:

(a) Leaves a job voluntarily without good cause.

(b) Is discharged for misconduct connected with his most recent work.

(c) Leaves his work because of a trade dispute and continues out of work by reason of the fact that the trade dispute is still in active progress in the establishment in which he was employed.

(d) Refuses, without good cause, to accept suitable employment.

(e) Willfully makes a false statement or fails to report a material fact in order to collect unemployment benefits.

A worker may also be prosecuted for willfully making a false statement or representation, or knowingly failing to give material facts in order to collect unemployment benefits.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON CLAIMS

1. In order to file a valid claim for unemployment benefits, it is necessary that you have earned \$300 or more from employers subject to the Act in the period on which your claim is based. The first two weeks to which you certify are waiting period weeks and you can not be paid for them. Your claim will remain on file for 52 weeks from the day you first file. If you draw all of your benefits, you can not file another new claim until the 52 week period is over.

2. When you report to the office, you must present your Identification and Appointment Card. You must report on the day and hour that is shown on your card.

3. You may file an appeal from any determination on your claim, provided that you do so within seven (7) days after the date you are notified of the determination. The Claims Examiner will furnish you with the necessary forms and will assist you in filling your appeal. If an appeal is filed you must continue to certify on your regular assigned day for each week of unemployment. If the Referee's decision allows payment for the period disqualified, checks may be paid for those weeks for which certifications were signed.

4. The purpose of unemployment benefits is to provide an income for unemployed workers who are ready, able and willing to work while they are trying to find new jobs.

5. If at any time you are uncertain of your rights and responsibilities under the California Unemployment Insurance Act, you should see a Claims Examiner in the local office.

Reactionary 'Farmer' Groups Oppose Aubrey Williams Appointment

Washington, D. C.

Another conservative coalition moved into action in the Senate to attempt blocking the nomination of Aubrey Williams, southern representative of the Natl. Farmers Union, as rural electrifications administrator.

Williams is opposed by the corporate farm bloc—the American Farm Bureau Federation, Natl. Grange and Natl. Milk Producers Federation—none of which represent the dirt farmer.

The United Federal Workers have demanded a 25% base pay raise for workers on Uncle Sam's payroll. UFW said the lowest official estimate of the cost of living rise since 1942 is over 25% and federal workers have had no increase at all during that time.

YOUR CONGRESSMAN REPORTS



By **GEORGE E. OUTLAND**

Back again in Washington and plunged into the middle of the manpower problem. Before renewing comments on the local scene, however, your representative would like to mention briefly the work of one of the American agencies in England which impressed him the most. I refer to the British Division of our Office of War Information.

The British Division of OWI is stationed in London to help the British get a better understanding of America than they can obtain from movies and from the limited accounts of events in the U.S.A. that can find space in their four-page daily papers. The British do not want to be fed propaganda any more than Americans do, but they realize how important it is for all the Allies to work together, and so they are anxious to know what makes us tick. Also, they admire a good many of our technical methods and institutions and want to learn about them. For instance, the British, like most of the world, have an unbounded admiration for the TVA and are constantly demanding information on it. David Lillenthal's book has been published in Britain and immediately sold out. The OWI has been asked for speakers on the TVA from as far away as the Outer Hebrides Islands.

To meet the British demand for information is better than propaganda because it works. It builds understanding and respect, as far as opportunities are offered, which help to smooth the relations between us.

The British Division meets the British requests for information in all the different ways that its resources allow. The largest mechanical operation is the News Room, which acts as a supplement to the commercial news agencies, mainly by supplying the full text of American public documents, important speeches, and editorials from leading papers. The British papers could not get all this information by commercial cable in war-time, but it is worth the cost for the OWI to supply it, so that editorial writers and government officials will get a true picture of what has been said and will not misjudge our position on the basis of short news summaries.

The other sections of the British Division are devoted to serving the needs of all sorts of organizations and individuals that have some particular interest in the United States. There is an office that provides speakers on America to Rotary Clubs, citizens' associations, schools, and units of the British Armed Forces. The speaker may be a member of the staff, or a visiting American. This office and the corresponding section of the British Ministry of Information cooperate to welcome congressmen and other American travelers and to put them in touch with the Britishers whom they want to meet.

Another office supplies the numerous organizations that want photographic exhibits of America or that want pictures for publication. The Division draws on the general OWI supply of movie and radio material to meet requests from exhibitors and organizations in Britain. British book and magazine publishers work constantly with the OWI staff on materials connected with America. The staff includes a specialist on women's interests and another on the interests of young people. Magazine writers are helped to find material for articles, and in some instances articles covering some aspect of American life are supplied. For instance, this month a British magazine is publishing a pamphlet guide for British brides of American soldiers, suggested and edited by the OWI expert. Book publishers are introduced to American books which they would like to publish, such as Undersecretary of State Grew's "Ten Years in Japan." They send in manuscripts of British books on America for the OWI to check the facts. Finally, the OWI has set up an excellent library which not only carries American books and periodicals, but seeks out the British organizations and publishers that will be interested in quoting and referring to our material.

The British like our OWI service, and so they take it. From it they learn to know us better and to respect our good points. Friends are worth having in this world, and the OWI, under the leadership of such capable men as Commander Agar, David Cushman Coyle, and Victor Waybright, is making friends for us in Britain.

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ALONG CANNERY ROW

(AFL Fish Cannery Workers)
Monterey, Calif.

Brother Joe Landry, Secretary-Treasurer of the Seafarers International Union, spent a day with our Local Union officers.

Very small amount of fish landed during February—storms preventing fishermen from going out. However, the Union anticipates a very busy summer season.

Brother Antonio Herrera passed away. The Union will miss Brother Herrera.

Several new concerns expecting to establish Cannery and Reduction Plants for the coming season. This will bring about an additional demand for labor in this area—creating more jobs for union workers.

OBSERVATIONS ON CANNERY ROW

Jane Boone of the personnel department of California Packing Corporation giving her tooties a sun tan during the lunch hour.

Roy Humbricht training dogs for a strenuous lion hunting campaign.

Brother Moore's dogs are barking.

Brother Bruce Ferrante of San Carlos Cannery Company always in a hurry.

Brother George Cowell speeding between Haldorn Estate and San Carlos Cannery.

Brother Briggs occupying a cannery company box admiring new Seaming Machine. Brother Glen Richards assisting Brother Briggs.

Brother King putting on weight and Brother Castleberry losing weight. Wonder if Brother Castleberry is doing all of the work—what about it, Morgan.

Brother Manual Silva, Hovden's warehouse, blossoming out as an Industrialist. Manual is now a truck owner.

George Clemens carrying a double-headed penny. George swears that he never gambles—just play the cinches. Huh, George.

Brother Caveny, Union secretary, seen talking with George Clemens—discussion concerned double-headed penny.

—THE CAN OPENER.

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In the South It's Legal to Rape a Negro, Case Reveals

Abbeville, Florida
There's a For Whites
Only sign on southern justice.

It's an old sign, faded and worn around the edges—but to 23-year-old Mrs. Reecy Taylor it's a real and bitter reminder of what happened one autumn night in this quiet little Alabama village of 500 people. She remembers the date exactly. It was September 3 between 11 and 12 p.m. Mrs. Taylor was on her way home from church with Mrs. Fannie Daniels, 61; and West Daniels, 18. A car passed them several times but when Mrs. Taylor and her friends reached a deserted spot on the road, the car stopped. Six men got out and ordered Mrs. Taylor to come with them. When she refused they drew knives and guns and forced her into the car.

SOUGHT LOCAL AID

Mrs. Daniels and her son ran up the road to the home of a Mr. Cook and awakened him, asking his help. Cook and Mrs. Taylor's father went in search of the sheriff. Unable to find him, they found a deputy, who started the hunt for the kidnapers.

They found Mrs. Taylor staggering toward her home. Still dazed with shock, she told them how she had been taken about 1½ miles out of town, blindfolded, stripped of her clothes, and raped by each of the hoodlums.

Mrs. Taylor described the car to the deputy sheriff, who then found the driver, Hugo Wilson, and put him in jail. After questioning, it was reported, Wilson confessed, naming the others who were with him.

EASY ON WHITES

Yet Wilson was released the next day. And when the grand jury met on October 9, although they heard the testimony of Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Daniels and West Daniels, they did not indict.

No lynch mobs were formed, no outraged citizens stormed to the sheriff's office demanding revenge for southern womanhood. The reason was simple. Mrs. Reecy Taylor is a Negro. Her assailants are white.

But Mrs. Taylor's anguished cry, "I can't do anything about it," echoed in the homes of decent, law-abiding people who saw a new south in birth during the recent elections, whites and Negroes working together to defeat reaction, whites and Negroes working together in unions. Newly-found friends came to Mrs. Taylor's help, took her away from this town—no seeming with threats of reprisal against her—and in New York a Committee for Equal Justice for Mrs. Reecy Taylor was set up.

Court Dismisses Ward Co.'s Suit Against Unions

Chicago, Illinois
The Illinois supreme court sealed the final obituary notice on a \$105,000 damage suit filed by Montgomery Ward & Co. in March 1943 against 14 AFL printing trades unions for holding up publication of a Ward catalog during an organizing campaign at R. R. Donnelley & Co.

"The court refused to review an appellate court decision supporting the unions' position that they had exercised their rights under a 'struck work' clause in their agreement with job shops handling work farmed out by Donnelley's, which included the Ward catalog. Ward's initial complaint was dismissed by Cook county superior court and was again kicked out when taken to the appellate court. Since no federal question is involved, the state supreme court's decision is final.

Introduce Bill To Nullify Jim Crow Traveling

Washington, D. C.
A bill to nullify Jim Crow interstate travel laws in 15 southern states was introduced in the House by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D., N.Y.).

Amending the Interstate Commerce Act, the bill would prohibit segregation of passengers on any transportation vehicle on account of race or color. Any segregation or attempt at such discrimination is punishable by a \$5000 fine as provided in the act itself.

In introducing the anti-Jim Crow legislation, Powell said it had widespread support of organizations both Negro and white. Republicans as well as Democrats are working for its enactment, he said, and duplicate bills are expected to be introduced into the House and also the Senate.

Texas Bosses War On Unions

Texas State Manufacturers Association
December 6, 1944

Gentlemen:

As an employer in Texas you are, of course, interested in being assured that employers make the very best possible showing before the Eighth Regional War Labor Board at Dallas. The labor unions are well represented on the Board. Agree and understand it, they now have four representatives on this Board and these representatives are that the interest of labor is protected, in so far as they can protect it, before the Board. These labor representatives are extremely well informed and make it their business to keep the unions fully informed on the activities of the War Labor Board from day to day. The unions are promptly advised of decisions and other activities of the Board.

It is apparently the purpose of the labor unions to endeavor to organize every group in this state. They are concentrating on making such a showing with the War Labor Board as to convince all employers that they should join the unions. In no other way, however, propose to make such a showing that employers will think otherwise.

In order to maintain this enlarged operation employers must raise between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The money to be paid Mr. McGowan and Mr. Warner.

Sincerely,
Calvin Whaley
Porter A. Whaley
Executive Vice President

Opening gun in a new fight against organized labor in Texas is this letter from the Texas State Manufacturers Assn., a branch of the NAM, asking employers for a fund of \$30,000 to \$40,000 to oppose unions in Texas. The letter was meant only for the bosses, of course. (Federated Pictures)

WLB Explodes High Pay Myth

Washington, D. C.
Propaganda about high wages was shattered in a report by the National War Labor Board, covering its three years of operations. A special tabulation covering a 20-month period, showed that out of a quarter million cases, involving nearly 14,000,000 workers, handled in that period, the average earnings, at the time of applications for increases, amounted to less than 70 cents an hour, scarcely a subsistence level. Average raises granted by the board in these cases were 6.3 cents an hour, which still left the pay rates far below decent American standards. Significantly, the report disclosed that employees in unorganized or "company union" plants are paid far less than workers in union establishments. In the former, the average wage, at the time of applications for raises, was only 64 cents an hour, as against 72 to 75 cents in the latter. On an annual basis, that would mean a union worker, toiling about 2500 hours, including overtime at time and one-half rates, would earn approximately \$300 more than a non-union employee.

When It Comes to Guarding Health Of American People, We Can Learn From 'Heathen Chinese' Suggestion

By "OBSERVER"

In talking with an old farmer of very practical turn of mind, he said to me:

"If I were running this government, I would build, buy or contract with medical schools for the education of medical practitioners—doctors or physicians, if you please."

"They would be run something like West Point or Annapolis. The students would be trained at public expense for public service. They would enter the public health service at fixed salaries like officers of the regular army, and agree to work at a reasonably low salary for a given time. Then, by promotion on merit, they could rise to higher positions and pay."

"Working under adequate regulations, they would assure medical service and health protection to every man, woman and child in the country. The voluntary association of families would provide most of their pay, and local, state and federal taxes the balance."

"One result would be the elimination of fakers, incompetents, malpractice—and overcharges."

James Yen, a Chinese scholar of eminence who heads an extensive movement for the building of a national health system for China, in an interview appearing in the January Asia, says:

"Here in America you have a situation which we in China hope to avoid. You developed medicine first and public health later, and as a result you have two distinct branches always in friction with one another. This is wasteful of money and personnel. We believe that we should have these two combined into one system."

Wise words from a "heathen Chinese!"

Rebel duPont Puts Avery on Spot

Boston, Massachusetts
Board Chairman S. L. Avery is due for some uncomfortable moments at the forthcoming annual stockholders' meeting of Montgomery Ward & Co., Zara duPont, minority stockholder, let it be known here. Miss duPont, a first cousin of the Wilmington duPonts, submitted a resolution blasting the labor policies of Avery and the company for a place on the meeting's agenda. Her 5-point indictment of Ward's strike-provoking, war-disrupting policy concluded: "It is high time that the management of Montgomery Ward & Co. accepted the principles of democracy."

Although a member of the inner circle of the tory duPont family, Miss duPont has used her position as a stockholder in big corporations to protest in person their reactionary, anti-labor policies.



OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

(Letters from Members of
Butchers Union 506 now in
the Armed Services)

Hello Earl and all the boys:
I am glad to say I am well and fine, but I still hate and despise rice. I received your regular letter and it was on time. You see we have no time here, but Jap time. But I am afraid our stock of Japs are running low. Anyway General MacArthur always keeps our morale up. We are now mopping up. There's remnants of 4 to 5 thousand Japs yet. Why, that's been going on now for near 80 days.

But now for the news on supply overage and shortage. Where we are I don't need tobacco. Have pipe tobacco, but no pipes. We don't need women? Lots of turkeys, candies, and toilet articles we have. They still keep sending wool sweaters. Darn this heat. Will you stop those old maids and find them each a husband. (By the way, I got treated well this Christmas even though they were all from my wife. Seriously, I did Earl.) We could use fresh meat, oh boy.

Least but not all the little "item" of whiskey. They give the wounded two shots a day, but I don't need it that bad, Earl. Any way the boys say they don't even give you a chaser. Boy, things are bad. About meat, I'll even settle for a shriveled up Frankfurter from the Peerless Sausage.

Seriously, Earl, we have everything here. Maybe more than people ever dreamed we're having. The only things we miss is fireplaces and a soft pink hand to hold on to. Say hello to all the boys for me, and to Mrs. M. Are you proud grandparents yet? You even have me in suspense. At the present I am fine and in good health, thank the Good Lord. So long all.

TONY.
Sgt. Tony Sparacino
C.O.L. 184 Inf. Apo 7
c/o P.M. San Francisco, Calif.

Lawyers Guild Asks Funds to Back War Crimes Commission

Washington, D. C.
Appropriation of funds to cover expenses of U. S. participation in the United Nations War Crimes Commission was urged by the Natl. Lawyers Guild in a letter to Chairman Kenneth McKellar (D., Tenn.) of the Senate appropriations committee.

Calling attention to previous requests of Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius which thus far have not been acted upon by the committee, the lawyers guild said such an appropriation is urgent to show the U. S. is ready to "take vigorous steps to prosecute and punish all Axis war criminals."

SOCIAL SECURITY RAPIDLY SPREADS THROUGHOUT WORLD

London, England
More than 130,000,000 workers have come under the benefits of social insurance laws since the International Labor Office first urged such legislation upon the nations of the world, Acting ILO Director E. J. Phelan told the ILO governing body.

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